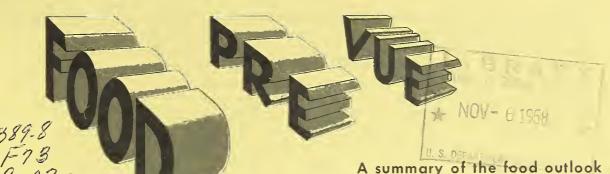
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A summary of the food outlook especially designed to give maximum advance information to food editors to help them plan food features.

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	nt of Agriculture	October 27, 1958 F P - 22
	Marketing Service	11-22
MEAT:	C3 No. 1133 3 31443 hebing 3. of	-ula wate despite laware
Beel	.Slaughter still lags a little behind last ye	
	marketings of fed cattle. As many fed cattl	
	tered this fall as in 1957, but fewer grass	
	October 1 ran 12% ahead of last October and	about same proportion is
	headed for market before year's end.	
Pork		
	1959 will run significantly above 1958 rate.	
Lamb	Crop is 4% larger than last year and since 1	amb and sheep slaughter to
	October 1 averaged about 7% less, January 1	inventory is likely being
	built up more rapidly than in 1957. In fact	
	herds may reach at least 1-1/2 million head.	
POULTRY:		
Chicken	.Substantially larger supplies of broilers and	d frvers will continue
	moving to market rest of 1958, compared with	
Turkey		
	million but, due to large late hatch, marke	
	run heavier than 1957. In December, they may	
	above year earlier.	,
Eggs	.Production to January 1 will be 3 to 5% great	ter than 1957 level, and
	continue to exceed last year through early pa	
DAIRY:	Seasonally low milk output continues a little	
-	use exceeds present production, commercial s	torage holdings == excepting
	nonfat dry milk-have been reduced.	oor ago mororngo - oncoponing
FRUITS:		
California - Calif	.Latest apple crop roundup indicates about 12	5-1/3 million bushels
	That's around 6-3/4 million above last year	
	above average.	and I million business
Cranberries.	Estimated 1 million, 108 thousand barrels69	I more than 1057 and 169
	above average.	more unan 1991 and 10%
Pears	.Total crop just above 29 million bushels 8%	holow last warm but about
	average. Cold storage stocks about same as	lost October 7 " 4
	million bushels.	last october 1, or 5.0
Grapes	.Indications point to a crop of Emperor grapes	nwineinel wewiekers
<u> </u>	vailable during coming months about same as	sprincipal variety a-
Avocados	Florida crop2 thousand, 800 tonsonly a fi	ifth as lemma as last man
117000000	But California Fuerte crop expected to be con	as large as last year.
	based October 1 condition.	isiderably above average,
Dried	Jutput of dried fruits totals somewhat below	705710
	figure. California dried prupos continuted	tyl's relatively light
	figure. California dried prunes estimated a	to IIO thousand tonsruns

a third smaller than both last year and average. Raisin production will probably fall somewhat below 1957, which was lightest since 1950. Canned ..... The 1958-59 pack of canned fruits will not run as large as previous heavy pack, if current prospects materialize. Packers' carryover stocks of most items as canning season began were below last year. Frozen.....Production of frozen fruits and fruit juices expected to be moderately below 1957 record of about 1.6 billion pounds, but some increase in total output probable next year. Packers' stocks of Florida frozen orange juice in early October had declined to 13.7 million gallons--34% below year earlier -- and reduction expected to be considerably more before 1958-59 concentrate pack available in volume. This is due to Florida orange crop maturing later this fall than last. Citrus.....Latest estimates place 1958-59 early and mid-season orange crop at 65 million, 200 thousand boxes -- about 2% above last year's relatively short crop and 9% above average. Florida Valencia crop--forecast 34 million boxes -- runs 14% above last year and 3% above average. Tangerines-4 million boxes--about double previous light crop but 15% below average. Grapefruit estimate--41 million boxes--7% above 1957 but 6% less than average. This does not include California summer crop. Tree Nuts....Pecans estimated at nearly 171 million pounds. That's over a fifth greater than last year and 15% above average. Almonds -- 20 thousand tons -- a sharp 47% below last year and 51% under average. Filberts -- 7 thousand, 400 tons-41% below 1957 but only slightly below average. Walnuts--85 thousand tons--28% greater than last year and 16% above average. Estimates slightly over 252 million pounds. That's 4% above last year. HONEY: At latest report beekeepers' stocks stood at 43% of 1958 production -nearly 10% above year earlier. VEGETABLES: Fresh......Fall supplies expected to be slightly larger than both last year and average. Most increase in early fall cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn and tomatoes. Late fall lettuce supplies materially larger than last year but late fall celery expected to be considerably smaller. Substantially more fall sweet corn and eggplant in prospect but less snap beans, Brussels sprouts, and green peppers. Potatoes .... Supplies are heavy since fall crop is 12% greater than 1957. Sweet potatoes -- a shade above last year's crop but 8% below average. Processed....Indications point to heavy supplies into mid-1959. Although carryover stocks of both canned and frozen vegetables were smaller at beginning of season than year earlier, the larger canned pack in prospect -- particularly tomato juice and tomato products -- will probably more than offset this. Overall supply of frozen vegetables may fall somewhat short of last season but most items will be ample to heavy. THE PLENTIFUL FOODS PROGRAM: The U. S. Department of Agriculture is supporting these industry campaigns: NATIONAL HONEY WEEK......October 27 - November 2 FALL BROILER CAMPAIGN.....October 1 - November 30